

Joe H. Ritch
Chairman-elect
TVA Board of Directors



Joe H. Ritch currently serves as a member of the Tennessee Valley Authority board of directors, serving on its Audit, Risk, and Regulation Committee and as chairman of its Nuclear Oversight Committee. He joined the board in January 2013. Ritch becomes chairman effective May 19, 2014.

Ritch lives in Huntsville, Ala., where he has been an attorney with the Sirote & Permutt law firm since 1982. Areas of practice include business corporate matters, with a concentration on defense and aerospace companies engaged in advanced technologies.

He is an active supporter of the northern Alabama economy, serving as chairman of the Tennessee Valley Base Realignment and Closures Committee and co-chairman of the Tennessee Valley Growth Coordination Group. He also is a member of several corporate boards, including ABT Inc., Perkins Technical Services Inc., the Von Braun Center for Science and Innovation, Inc., Axometrics Inc., and Photon-X Inc.

A native of Selma, Ala., Ritch is married to Lana C. Ritch. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, a law degree from Samford University, and a postgraduate law degree in taxation from New York University. Ritch has served on the University of Alabama board of trustees, currently chairs the University of Alabama-Huntsville Eminent Scholars Foundation and in 1979-1982 was founder and first head coach of the University of Alabama-Huntsville ice hockey program.

His term on the TVA board expires May 18, 2016.